

PROCLAMATION **WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK** MAY 8-14, 2005

WHEREAS, Women's Health Week celebrates the extraordinary progress in women's health and recognizes the long-term commitment to safeguard the health of women for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, women from all walks of life and at every stage of life have unique health needs that should be addressed in their own right; and

WHEREAS, women's health remains a priority for families, communities and government, and our commitment to keeping women healthy is stronger than ever; and

WHEREAS, many of the leading causes of death and disabling illness among women can be successfully prevented or treated if the warning signs are detected early enough; and

WHEREAS, Women's Health Week is a great opportunity to encourage moms, aunts, sisters, spouses and best friends to visit a health-care professional to receive preventive services and screenings; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to work together to promote and improve the health of women and to increase awareness and understanding of women's health issues; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 8-14, 2005, **WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State